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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1 – 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

making a plunger type pipette, comprising by molding and setting a second material around a central plunger having an outer surface and being formed of a first drawn material, such that the second material forms a barrel corresponding to the outer surface of the plunger, and the central plunger can slide in the barrel to draw a substance into it and/or to dispense a substance from it; and

aspirating a substance into the plunger type pipette by drawing the plunger into the barrel.

10. (currently amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein the first drawn material is selected from the group consisting of drawn wire and extruded metal.

11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the first drawn material is selected from the group consisting of a metal, a ceramic, and a plastic material.

12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the second material is a plastic material.

13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the first drawn material is actively cooled during the molding step.

14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein each of the first drawn material and the second material has a thermal conductivity and a specific heat capacity, and wherein a relationship of the thermal conductivities and specific heat capacities of the first drawn material and the second material is selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) the thermal conductivity of the first drawn material is greater than the thermal conductivity of the second material,
- (b) the specific heat capacity of the first drawn material is greater than the specific heat capacity of the second material, and
- (c) the thermal conductivity of the first drawn material is greater than the thermal conductivity of the second material, and the specific heat capacity of the first drawn material is greater than the specific heat capacity of the second material.

15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the molding step comprises performing one of the steps from the group consisting of injection molding, welding, coextrusion casting and dip coating.

16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the barrel, as formed, has a uniform cylindrical shape.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A method according to claim 9-17, wherein the plunger type pipette is attached to a flexible strip in a manner to allow for attachment of a plurality of additional plunger type pipettes.

19. (currently amended) A method according to claim 18, wherein the strip includes a plurality of sprocket holes defined therein to drive and align any attached plunger type pipette.

20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method according to claim 9-17, wherein the plunger type pipette is formed to include a heat sealable tip.

22. (canceled)

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23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, including the further step of dispensing the substance from the plunger type pipette by propelling the plunger partially or fully through the barrel.

24. (canceled)

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